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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? Yes No

Committee _____

Report _____

SENATE BILLSCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

BILL NO.	ENTERED COMM.	DATE CONSIDERED	OUT OF COMM.	DO PASS DATE	DO NOT PASS DATE	DO PASS AS AMEND. DATE	BE CON- CURRED IN DATE	BE CONC. IN AS AMENDED DATE	BE NOT CON- CURRED IN DATE
SB 66	1/6/81	1/15/81	1/20/81			1/20/81			
SB 70	1/7/81	1/20/81	1/22/81		1/22/81				
SB 79	1/8/81	1/20/81	1/20/81	1/20/81					
SB 157	1/19/81	1/22/81	1/22/81	1/22/81					
SB 168	1/17/81	1/22/81	1/22/81	1/22/81					
SB 169	1/17/81	1/22/81	1/22/81	1/22/81					
SB 185	1/19/81	1/27/81	1/27/81	1/27/81					
SB 186	1/19/81	1/27/81	1/27/81	1/27/81					
SB 290	2/23/81	Stayed in	Committee						
SB 293	1/27/81	2/3/81	2/14/81		2/5/81 2/14/81				
SB 296	1/27/81	2/3/81	2/3/81	2/3/81					
SB 304	1/28/81	2/5/81	2/5/81	2/5/81					
SB 346	2/2/81	2/10/81	2/10/81			2/10/81			
SB 416	2/10/81	2/14/81	2/17/81		2/17/81				
SB 422	2/10/81	2/14/81	2/14/81			2/14/81			
SB 434	2/11/81	2/17/81	2/17/81			2/17/81			

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CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 186:

Senator Graham, District 29, Chief Sponsor of SB186 told the committee this is an act to amend section 61-8-202, MCA, to clarify which traffic control manual the Department of Highways shall adopt. He introduced Jim Beck, Chief Legal Counsel, from the Department of Highways.

Mr. Jim Beck, Department of Highways, told the committee that Senate Bill No. 186 was introduced at the request of the Department of Highways. The purpose of the bill is to clarify which traffic control manual the Department of Highways is required to adopt. As can be seen, this section formerly specified a manual that was published in 1958. That particular manual is no longer published and the manual on uniform traffic control devices has replaced it.

He said the manual on uniform traffic control devices specifies the type and use of traffic signs, signals and markups. It is the method whereby the uniformity of traffic markings is maintained throughout the nation.

He showed the committee the new manual, and said he would be glad to answer any questions the committee had regarding it. He added that all this manual really does is when you put up any sort of traffic control device anywhere in the United States, you follow this manual. Every State is using this manual for uniformity. We have had some problems prior to using this manual, in that several law suits involving negligent design or failure to maintain traffic signals pointed out that we had not followed what was specified in the new manual.

Senator Healy asked how many states have this manual.

Mr. Beck said all the states have the manual. We have been using this, just slightly illegal.

Senator Etchart asked if there were any other questions. There were none. The Hearing on SB186 was closed.

Senator Etchart asked the committee how they felt about holding these bills over until the next meeting and take action on them at that time, so we could think about them.

Senator Graham said he did not see any reason to hold over these two bills, as there was no conflicting testimony, they are just housekeeping bills.

Senator Tweit and Healy agreed.

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ACTION ON SENATE BILL NO. 186:

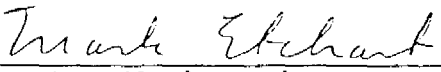
Senator Graham made the motion that SB186 do pass. All Senators present voting yea, the motion carried.

ACTION ON SENATE BILL NO. 185:

Senator Graham made the motion that SB185 do pass. All Senators present voting yea, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business of the Highways and Transportation Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



Senator Mark Etchart

ROLL CALL

SENATE HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1981

Date 1-26-81

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR MARK ETCHART	✓		
SENATOR TOM HAGER	✓		
SENATOR FRANK W. HAZELBAKER		✓	
SENATOR ROGER H. ELLIOTT			<i>late</i> ✓
SENATOR LARRY J. TVEIT	<i>late</i> ✓		
SENATOR DAVE MANNING	✓		
SENATOR CARROLL GRAHAM	✓		
SENATOR JACK HEALY	<i>late</i> ✓		
SENATOR LAWRENCE G. STIMATZ	✓		
VERDON - Legislative Council	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

DATE

1-26-81

COMMITTEE ON

Highways & Transportation

BILL NO.

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REPRESENTING

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Support

Oppose

J. Beck

Dept of Highways

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SENATE COMMITTEE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Date 1-27-81 Bill No. SB186 Time

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Mart Etchart	✓	
Senator Tom Hager	✓	
Senator Frank Hazelbaker		
Senator Elliott		
Senator Tveit	✓	
Senator Manning	✓	
Senator Graham	✓	
Senator Healy	✓	
Senator Stimatz	✓	

CAROL DOYLE FRASIER
Secretary

Mark Etchart
SENATOR MARK ETCHART
Chairman

Motion: _____

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 27

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MR. President:

We, your committee on Highways and Transportation

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 136

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 136

DO PASS

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
SB 157	An act to provide for transfer of ownership of motor vehicles by insurance companies after settlement of insurance claims.	1/28/81	Graham	2/3/81	DO PASS	2/3/81
SB 168	An act to amend section 61-10-226, MCA, to require money received by the department of highways from the counties to be deposited in the earmarked..	1/28/81	Healy, et.al.	2/3/81	DO PASS	2/3/81
SB 169	An act to permit the deposit of proceeds received by the department of highways from sales of personal property in a revolving fund account.	1/29/81	Healy, et.al.	2/10/81	DO PASS	2/10/81
593	An act to authorize the governor to negotiate with other states to establish agreements for submitting application to rail passenger....	2/2/81	Gould, et.al.	2/10/81	DO PASS	2/10/81
SB 185	An act to amend the definition of terms in the proportional vehicle registration law; to clarify the provisions pertaining to fees..	2/3/81	Graham	2/10/81	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/10/81
SB 186	An act to amend section 61-8-202, MCA, to clarify which traffic control manual the department of highways shall	2/3/81	Graham	2/10/81	DO PASS	2/10/81

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 1981

The House Highways and Transportation Committee convened in Room 437 of the Capitol Building on Tuesday, February 10, 1981, at 12:30 p.m. with CHAIRMAN PAUL KROPP presiding and thirteen members present (REPS. BRAND, FABREGA and IVERSON were excused).

CHAIRMAN KROPP opened the hearing on SB 169.

SENATE BILL 169 SENATOR HEALY, sponsor, presented the bill.
See Exhibit 1.

JAMES BECK, attorney for the Department of Highways, spoke as a proponent of the bill which would permit the monies received from the sale of highway equipment and other personal property to be deposited in a revolving fund account rather than in the earmarked revenue fund. He stressed that whether it is in earmarked funds or not, it still must be appropriated. It is a change in the way of accounting for the proceeds as requested by the Legislative Audit.

There were no OPPONENTS.

During questions from the committee, REP. KANDUCH asked what this bill would change. MR. BECK replied that the funds would now go into a revolving fund.

SENATOR HEALY closed on SB 169 and the hearing closed.

The hearing then opened on SB 185.

SENATE BILL 185 SENATOR GRAHAM presented the bill. See Exhibit 2.

JAMES BECK, attorney with the Department of Highways, presented two amendments which made minor changes. He said this bill means that the operator pays taxes and fees in each state in proportion to the amount of mileage that is traveled in a state to his total mileage.

There were no OPPONENTS.

SENATOR GRAHAM closed on SB 185 and the hearing closed.

The hearing then opened on SB 186.

SENATE BILL 186 SENATOR GRAHAM presented the bill. See Exhibit 3.

JAMES BECK, attorney with the Department of Highways, spoke as a proponent of the bill which is to clarify which traffic control manual the department is required to adopt. They are trying to come up with a uniform system throughout the country.

There were no OPPONENTS.

During questions from the committee, REP. ANDERSON asked if this will cause a great change in signs in Montana now. The answer was

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most of the Montana signs are uniform already. The department needs to adopt this manual.

SENATOR GRAHAM closed on SB 186 and the hearing closed.

The hearing opened on HB 593.

HOUSE BILL 593 REP. BUDD GOULD, chief sponsor, presented the bill which would authorize the governor to negotiate with other states regarding institution of rail passenger service in Montana. He emphasized that this does not give him any authority to expend funds.

JAMES MULAR, representing the National Association of Rail Passengers, spoke in favor of the bill. He said this would enable the governor to negotiate with other states to provide rail service. He could negotiate and then report back to the legislature.

ED SHEEHY, representing Retired Federal Employees, said his concern is the lack of public transportation in Montana.

TOM DOWLING, Montana Railroad Association, supported the bill.

KENNETH CLARK felt this bill would be the right approach.

There were no OPPONENTS.

During questions from the committee, REP. METCALF asked how the negotiations are made when the legislature is not in session.

MR. MULAR replied that the governor could make a preliminary agreement and then present it to the legislature.

REP. GOULD closed on HB 593 and the hearing closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SENATE BILL 169 REP. KANDUCH moved DO PASS. PASSED unanimously. REP. OBERG will carry the bill in the House.

SENATE BILL 185 A motion was made DO PASS on the amendments. PASSED unanimously. REP. STOBIE moved the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. PASSED unanimously. REP. KANDUCH will carry the bill in the House.

SENATE BILL 186 REP. METCALF moved the bill DO PASS. PASSED unanimously. REP. METCALF will carry the bill in the House.

HOUSE BILL 593 REP. HARP moved the bill DO PASS. PASSED unanimously.

After checking on the Fiscal Note for HB 384, the committee requested another one showing the use of sodium chloride versus calcium chloride and the costs thereof.

HOUSE HIWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

BILL SB 186
SPONSOR GRAHAM

Date 2/10/81

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